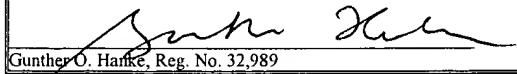


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AMENDMENT AND
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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office action of November 6, 2002, the response for which is due February 6, 2003. Please amend and reconsider the above-referenced application. A one-month request for extension of time to file is being filed concurrently herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 9:

1. (Amended) A balloon catheter, comprising: